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ATTENTION: EB/OA/AVP

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: FAA TESTING OF NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT

1. GON DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION HAS REQUESTED COST INFORMATION TO ENABLE IT TO MAKE FINAL DECISION ON FAA PROVISION OF FLIGHT INSPECTION SERVICES. BASED ON HOURLY QUOTED COST OF \$846 GON NEEDS ESTIMATE OF TOTAL COST OF TESTING IN NEPAL. NEPAL'S REQUIREMENTS WERE DETAILED IN LETTER FROM ICAO ADVISOR LARS STARCK TO ICAO REGIONAL OFFICE IN BANGKOK, WHICH WAS TO BE FORWARDED TO FAA. IF FAA DOES NOT HAVE LISTING OF WORK REQUIRED IN NEPAL, PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY BY CABLE SO THAT NECESSARY INFORMATION CAN BE FORWARDED WITH MINIMUM DELAY. GON ANXIOUS TO HAVE TOTAL COST ESTIMATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN VIEW APPROACHING CORONATION OF KING BIRENDRA AND FACT THAT APPROVAL OF ADB FOR TESTING IS REQUIRED, SINCE AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT IS BEING UNDERTAKEN UNDER PROCEEDS OF ADB LOAN. GON REQUESTS THAT IN ADDITION TO TOTAL COST ESTIMATE, COST OF DOPLER VOR AND DME TESTING AND POSITIONING OF AIRCRAFT IN NEPAL BE BROKEN OUT SEPARATELY. ALSO WISH TO KNOW TYPE OF AIRCRAFT THAT WILL BE USED FOR TESTING.

2. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT FAA REALIZE THAT GON UNABLE PROVIDE ANY EQUIPMENT OR STAFF FOR TESTING. FAA TEAM SHOULD THEREFORE BE SELF-SUFFICIENT.

3. GON HAS ASKED IF FAA TEAM WILL BE CONDUCTING OPERATIONS IN
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OTHER PARTS OF ASIA AT ABOUT SAME TIME, SO THAT COST OF

POSITIONING AIRCRAFT IN NEPAL COULD PERHAPS BE SHARED WITH ANOTHER COUNTRY. WOULD APPRECIATE FAA COMMENTS ON THIS POSSIBILITY.

4. IN ACCORDANCE STARCK LETTER TO ICAO REGIONAL OFFICE IN BANGKOK, GON HAS CONFIRMED IT WISHES TESTING TO BE CONDUCTED FEBRUARY 8-15. TESTING AT LATER DATE NOT POSSIBLE, AS EQUIPMENT MUST BE COMMISSIONED AND TESTED PRIOR TO KING'S CORONATION, FOR WHICH DELEGATIONS WILL BEGIN ARRIVING BY FEBRUARY 20. CARGO

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